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Re: Application of Jess KOEHLER, Johannes WANGLER, Markus BROTSACK,  
Wolfgang SINGER, Damian FIOKA and Manfred MAUL  
ILLUMINATION SYSTEM FOR A MICROLITHOGRAPHY PROJECTION  
EXPOSURE INSTALLATION  
Assignee: CARL ZEISS SMT AG

Our Ref: Q93635

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ seven (7) sheets of drawings.
- ☒ a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each non-U.S. reference cited in the ISR/IPER.

**A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	46	-	20	=	26	x	\$50.00	=	\$1300.00
Independent claims	9	-	3	=	6	x	\$200.00	=	\$1200.00
Base Fee									\$300.00
Search Fee*									\$400.00
Examination Fee									\$200.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b>\$3400.00</b>

\* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.



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Checks for the statutory filing, examination and search fees totaling \$900.00 are attached. **The requisite excess claim fees will be submitted at a later date and following the filing of an upcoming Preliminary Amendment.** The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

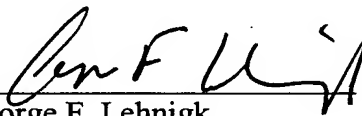
Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	103 43 333.3	September 12, 2003
Germany	10 2004 010 571.5	February 26, 2004

It is assumed that copies of the priority documents will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

***Since the anniversary of the priority date fell on a Sunday, the filing of this application on Monday, March 13, 2006 is sufficient to obtain the benefit of priority.***

Respectfully submitted,

  
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